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For: WELDING MACHINE AND WELDING METHOD

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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated 02/24/2004 finding that the applicant has claimed two patentably distinct inventions (i.e., neither one of which is made "obvious" in view of the other under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects for further examination the patentably distinct invention I on which at least claims 1-3 and 7-21 are readable.

A further favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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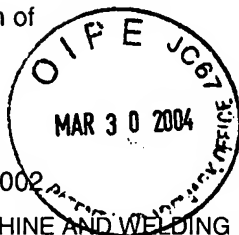
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